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Application Number	09/730,214
Filing Date	December 5, 2000
First Named Inventor	Miller, et al.
Art Unit	1631
Examiner Name	M. Borin
Attorney Docket Number	1125722-0005

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other 3 refs. Copy of Applicants' 3/31/03 Resp

### 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 10, 2004. This communication serves as the response required in connection with the RCE being submitted concurrently herewith.

Serial No.: 09/730,214  
Filed: May 12, 2000  
Docket No. 1125722-0005

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the  
amendments and remarks following.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time  
extending the time for response from June 10, 2004 up to and  
including August 10, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby  
authorized to charge the required \$420 extension fee to Deposit  
Account No. 23-1703. Any other fee which may be due in  
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